(d) the reasons for non-utilisation of the World Bank aid that has been released; and

(e) the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Agreements for an IDA credit of SDR 177.0 million (US$246million equivalent) have been signed with World Bank on April 6, 1994 to finance the Maharashtra Emergency Earthquake Rehabilitation Project.

(b) to (e) The credit became effective only on June, 27, 1994. The State Government has started action to implement various programmes under the project. Funds will be released periodically on the basis of reimbursement claims submitted by Government of Maharashtra.

Seventh International Mango Festival

533. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Seventh International Mango Festival was organised at New Delhi;

(b) if so, names of the countries which participated in the Festival alongwith their objectives;

(c) whether our country's share in the production of Mangoes is 60% of the total production of Mangoes in the world;

(d) whether large quantities of mangoes have been exported during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(e) if so, the details there of year-wise alongwith foreign exchange earned;

(f) whether Government have proposed to take some measures to increase the growth of mangoes in the country; and

(g) if so, the detais there of and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from India seven foreign countries i.e. Venezuela, Mexico, Pakistan, Portorico, Jamaica and Gambia participatedinthe festival by sending their mango varieties. The objective of the festival was promotion of tourism for creating awarcness about Indian mangoes and to encourage mango growers, exporters and processors.

(c) India's share in the Mango production in world is to the tune of 58.86%.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The foreign exchange earned & quantity exported during 1992-93 and 1993-94 are as under:—

Year	Qty. MTS	Value in Rs. lakh
1992-93 . . .	25850	4599.00
1993-94 . . .	23000	45000 0

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Government of India is impiementing a Central Sector Scheme for development of fruit crops including Mango with an outlay of Rs. 74.30 crores. Scheme envisages area expansion of Mango in 10,000 hav. improving productivity in 30,200 ha. and laying out of 194 demonstration plots during 8th Five Year Plan. National Horticulture Board also providing assistance on Post harvest infrastructure facilities for horticultural crops including Mango. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development AuthorMty is also providing financial assistance to promote exports.

Besides, State Governments are also providing assistance for area expansion and control of pests etc., from their State Plan fund.

Distribution of land amongst eligible rural poor

534. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land has been distributed amongst eligible rural poor during January, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria of eligibilty State and Territory-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are some objectives behind this distribution;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the distribution of land is likely to be made during the remaining part of 1994 and 1995 to some more eligible rural poor of Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Foodgrains produced during 1993-94

535. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains that has been produced during 1993-94 alongwith details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise.

(b) whether it is a fact that foodgrains production during the current financial year has been very high;

(c) whether Government propose to export foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to continue this trend in future also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Final estimates of production of foodgarains during 1993-94 are yet to be received from some of the major States. However, as per available asssement, the likely production of foodgrains during. 1993-94 is estimat as 182.04 million tonnes. The State-wise likely production of foodgrans for 1993-94 is annexed as State ment (*See* below).

(b) The likely production of foodgrains as 182.04 million tonnes during 1993-94 agriculture year would be a new record.

(c) and (d) As per existing Exim Policy, export of basmati rice is allowed freely and that of non-basmoti rice (10 lakh metric tonnes in a good production year and 5 lakh metric tonnes in bad year of production) subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US $ 200 per metric ton (PMT). Similarly, Export of wheat products is also allowed freely. Export of wheat, coarse grains and pulses are allowed to be exported subject to quantitative ceilings released every year having regard to the production and availability. During 1994-95 the ceiling released in respect of these foodgrains are as under:—

(i) Durum wheat — 3 lakh metric tonnes subject to Minimum Support Price of US $ 160 metric tonnes.

(ii) Coarse grains — 1.5 lakh metric tonnes.

(iii) Pulses — 10 thousand metric tonnes.